REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on September 9, 2003. In such Office Action claims 1-7 were pending. Claims 3-5 were allowed. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 were finally rejected. This Amendment and Remarks document is submitted in response to said Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants do not acquiesce in these rejections; however, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a continuing application.

Claims 3-5

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the Examiner's evaluation that Claims 3-5 are allowed.
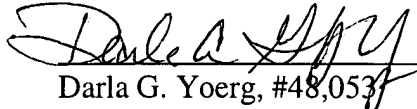
Closing Remarks

Rejected claims have been cancelled. Only allowed claims are pending in the application. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the application and issue a Notice of Allowance. If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117, if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing

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of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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